

1-1 By: Strama (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) H.B. No. 2111
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2013;
 1-3 May 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
 1-4 and Human Services; May 13, 2013, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 13, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the transitional living services program for certain
 1-20 youth in foster care.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 264.121, Family Code, is amended by
 1-23 amending Subsections (a-1) and (f) and adding Subsection (g) to
 1-24 read as follows:

1-25 (a-1) The department shall require a foster care provider to
 1-26 provide or assist youth who are age 14 or older in obtaining
 1-27 experiential life-skills training to improve their transition to
 1-28 independent living. Experiential life-skills training must be
 1-29 tailored to a youth's skills and abilities and must ~~may~~ include
 1-30 training in practical activities that include grocery shopping,
 1-31 meal preparation and cooking, [using public transportation,
 1-32 performing basic household tasks, [and] balancing a checkbook, and,
 1-33 when appropriate, using public transportation.

1-34 (f) The department shall require a person with whom the
 1-35 department contracts for transitional living services for foster
 1-36 youth to provide or assist youth in obtaining:

- 1-37 (1) housing services;
- 1-38 (2) job training and employment services;
- 1-39 (3) college preparation services;
- 1-40 (4) services that will assist youth in obtaining a
 1-41 general education development certificate; ~~and~~

1-42 (5) services that will assist youth in developing
 1-43 skills in food preparation;

1-44 (6) nutrition education that promotes healthy food
 1-45 choices; and

1-46 (7) [~~5~~] any other appropriate transitional living
 1-47 service identified by the department.

1-48 (g) An entity with which the department contracts for
 1-49 transitional living services for foster youth shall, when
 1-50 appropriate, partner with a community-based organization to assist
 1-51 the entity in providing the transitional living services.

1-52 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
 1-53 a person who enters into a contract with the Department of Family
 1-54 and Protective Services to provide transitional living services for
 1-55 foster youth on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-56 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-57 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-58 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-59 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-60 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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